Increase in share of Central Government under Rashtriya Krishi Bima Yojana

1347. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra Government has requested the Central Government to increase the share of Central Government in compensation payable to farmers under Rashtriya Krishi Bima Yojana from 50 per cent to 66.6 per cent;

(b) whether the State Government has also requested the Central Government to reduce the present premium rate of sugarcane crop;

(c) if so, the details of the proposal received; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Maharashtra has requested an increase in the Government of India's share in the compensation from 50 per cent to 66.66 per cent and reduction in the premium rate for sugarcane and cotton crops to 0.5 per cent and 1 per cent respectively.

(d) The State Government of Maharashtra was apprised that in view of the enlargement of the scope of coverage of the scheme, the share of the Central Government has been kept at 50% under the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS).

Regarding reduction in the premium rate for sugarcane it was clarified that actuarial rates of premium are charged for sugarcane. These are worked out by the Implementing Agency (IA) keeping in view the variability of past yield data.

Use of Pesticides

1348. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that pesticides